



LOWER ORANGE RIVER

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

-PROJECT LAUNCH-

4 SEPTEMBER 2007



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OPENING & WELCOME



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AGENDA

TIME	ITEM
09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:10	Opening and Welcome
10:10 – 10:20	Introductions
10:20 – 10:30	Purpose of Meeting
10:30 – 10:50	“LOR Conservation” The Dream
10:50 – 11:20	Discussion: Significance of the Region
11:20 – 11:40	Understanding the Planning Context –Namibia –RSA –Shared Resources of the Area
11:40 – 12:00	Project Plan and Methodology (Dates and Venues)
12:00 – 13:00	Sector Discussions –Resource Management –Land Owners –Industry –Government
13:00 – 13:10	Quo Vadis
13:10 – 13:20	Summary and Conclusion



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INTRODUCTIONS

- ARTP JMB (Zinkwazi Ecotourism Afrika)
- SANParks
- MET
- Stakeholders



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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Register all interested and affected parties within sector groups;
- Provide clarity regarding planning initiatives;
- Present Project Plan and procedures;
- Discuss Purpose and Significance of region; and
- Set broad and sector specific objectives for the region.



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CONSERVATION OF THE LOWER ORANGE: *'THE DREAM'*

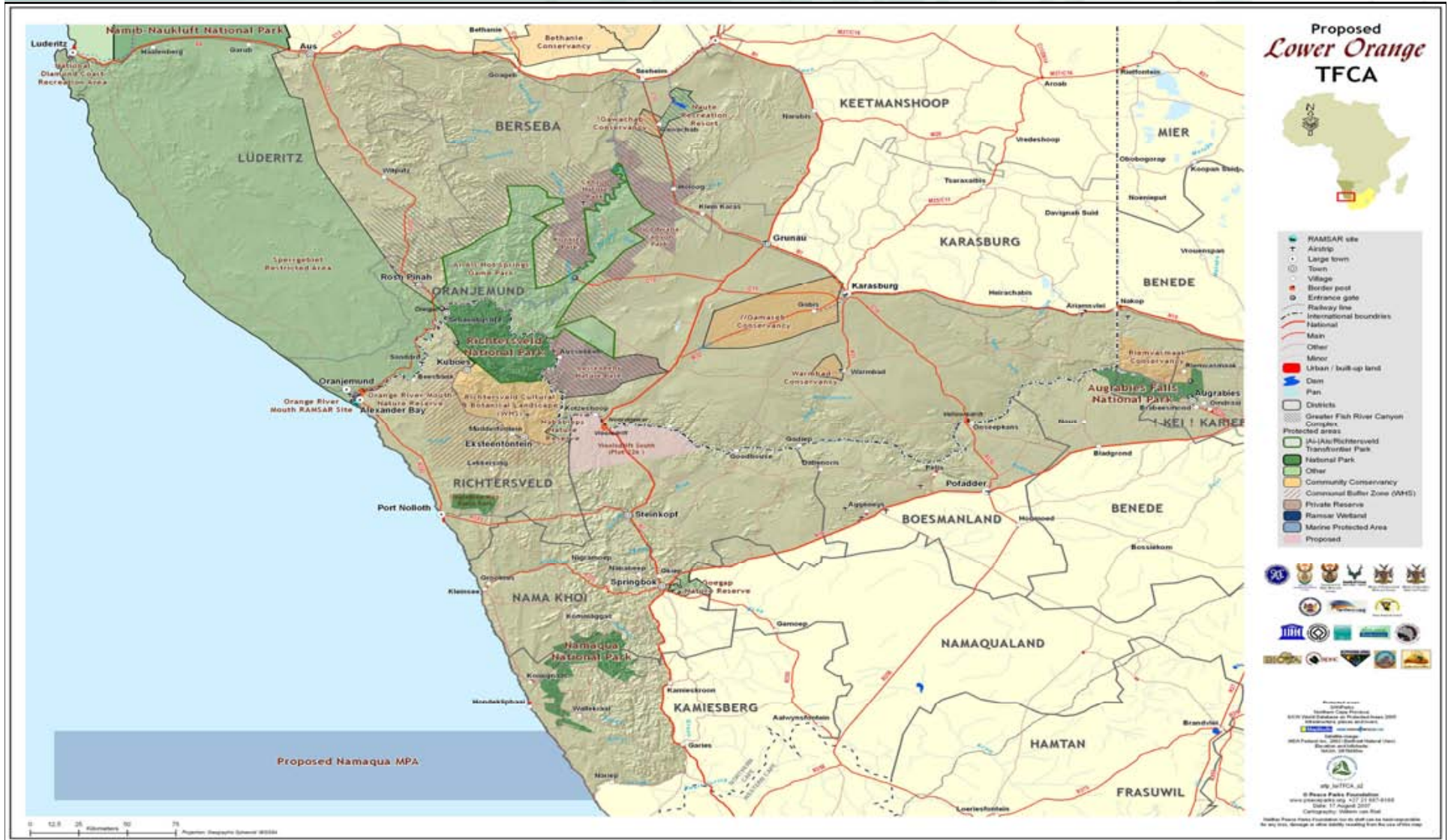


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WHAT MAKES THE REGION SIGNIFICANT?



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UNDERSTANDING THE PLANNING CONTEXT



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WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?

- Maximise the value and benefits which may arise from the LOR;
- achieve inter-state collaboration in the conservation of transboundary eco-systems and their associated biodiversity, promoting cross-border tourism and sustainable use and development of natural and human resources to improve the quality of life of the peoples of Namibia and South Africa in that region;
- resolve any issues of potential conflict;



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- promote alliances in the management of natural and cultural resources by encouraging social, economic, responsible tourism and other partnerships between the Parties (Governments of South Africa and Namibia), including the private sector, local communities and non-governmental organisations;
- develop trans-border ecotourism as a means of fostering regional socio-economic development;
- promote equitable and effective participation by local communities;



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- sustainable development and sustainable use requiring the integration of social, economic and environmental factors in planning, implementation and evaluation to ensure that development and use services present and future generations; and
- accountability to community interests, transparency and access to relevant information use;

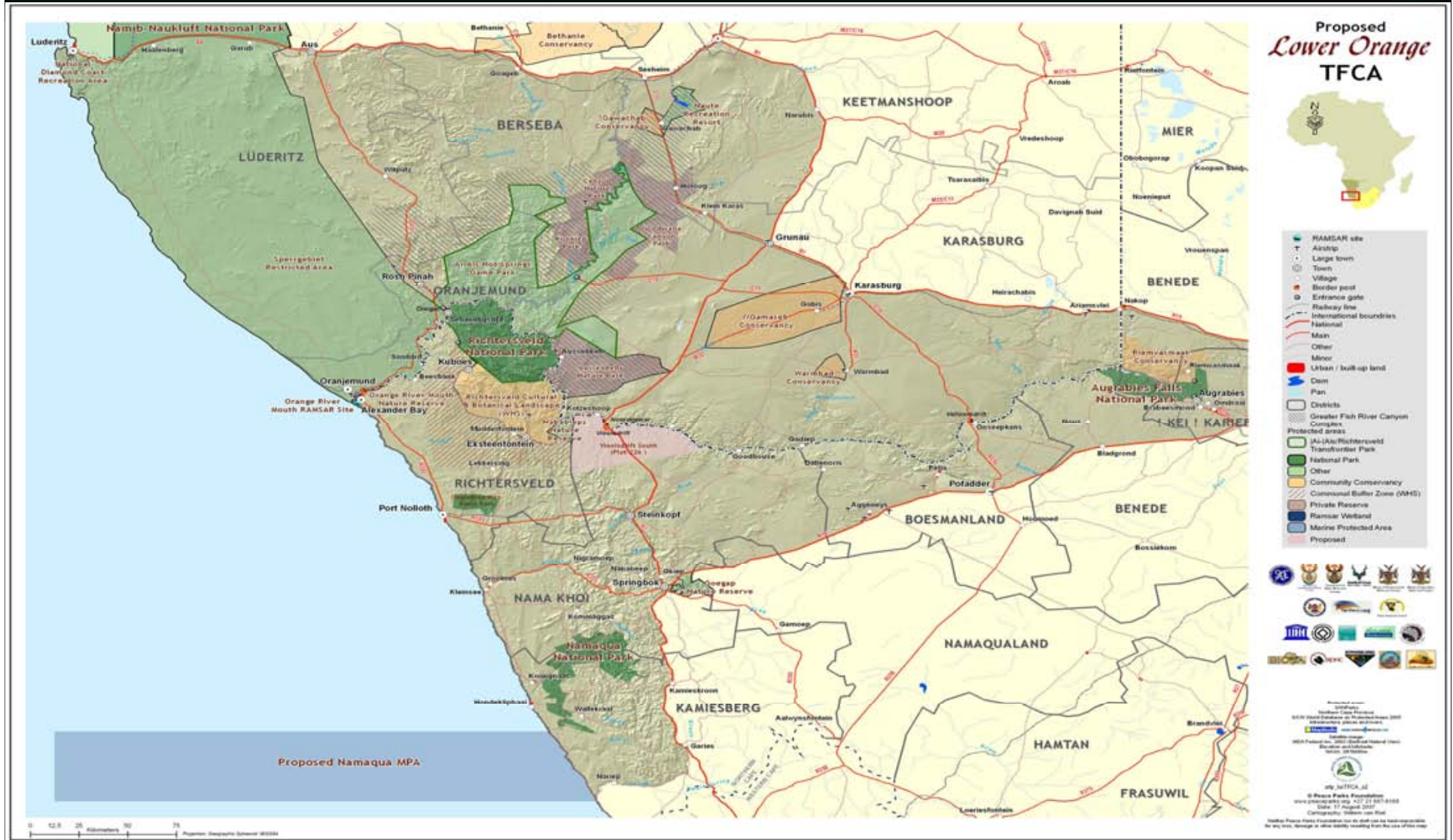


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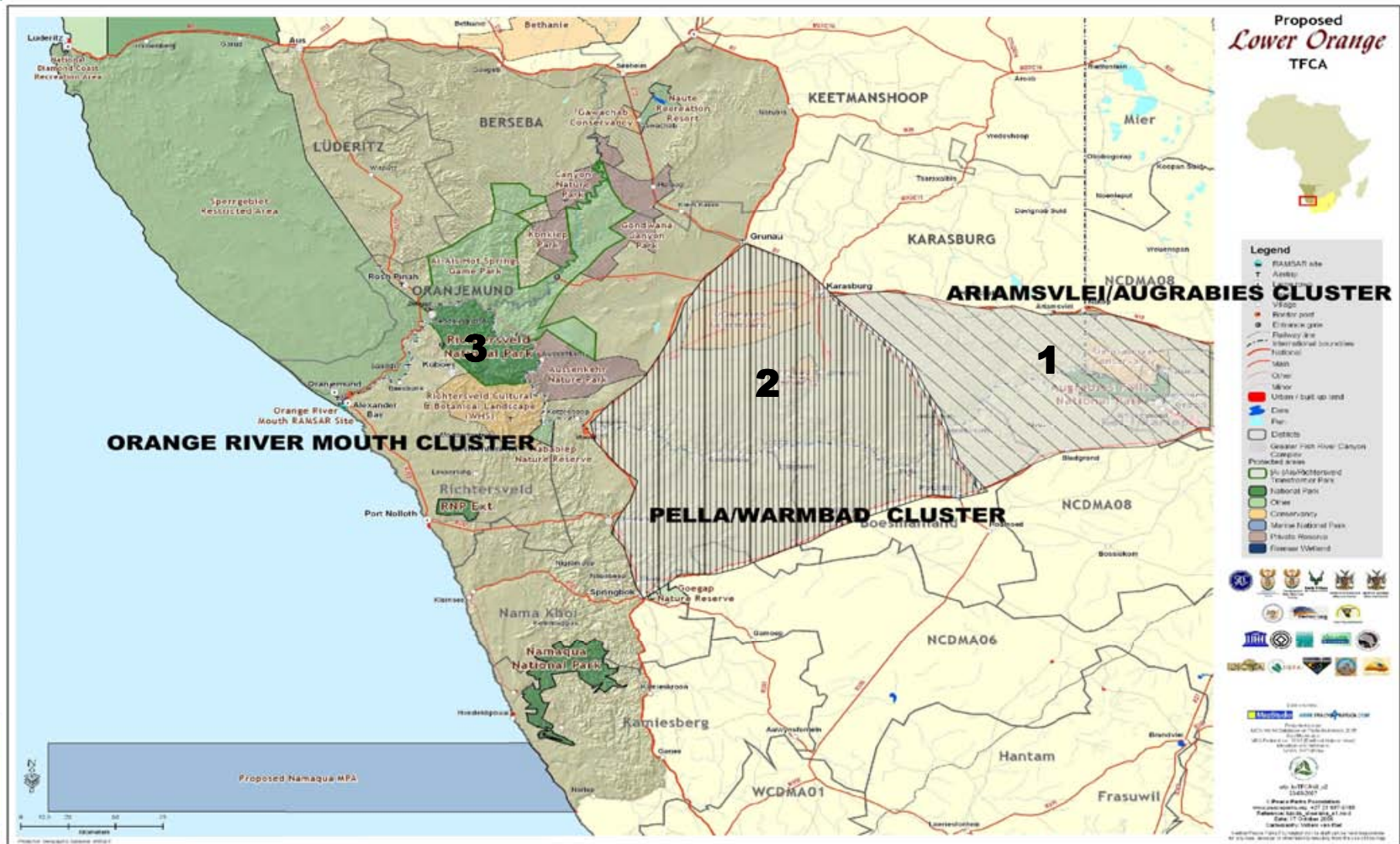
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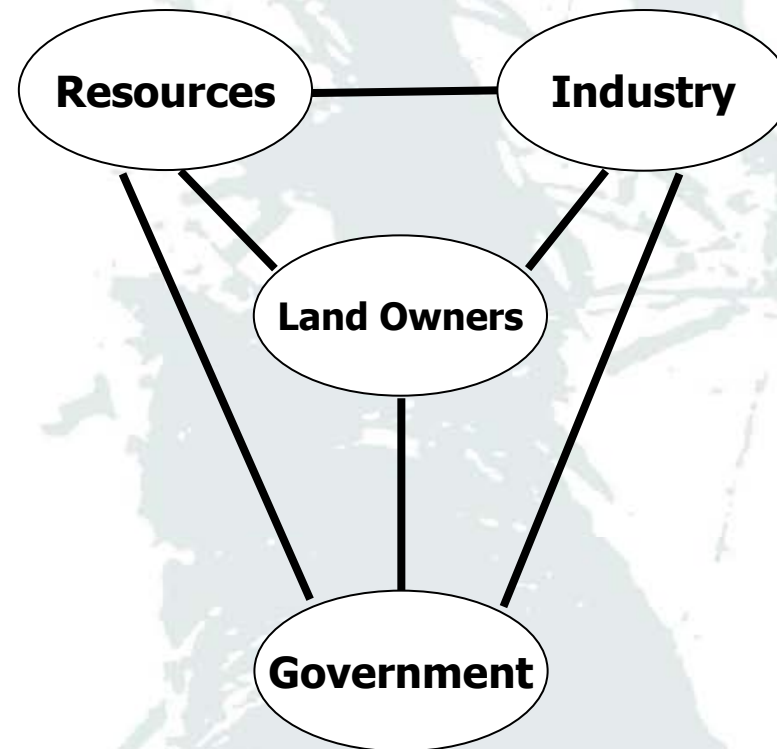


THE THREE CLUSTERS



SECTOR GROUP DISCUSSION

WE NEED YOUR INPUTS ! ! ! !



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WE NEED YOUR INPUTS

Please provide us with the following information:

- **Do you feel that all stakeholders in each sector are appropriately and sufficiently represented? If not, please provide further stakeholders and their contact details**
- **Please provide us with the details of which cluster you belong to**
- **Details of appropriate venues for future meetings and workshops in all three clusters in both the South African and Namibian component**
- **The methods of alignment of all three clusters in the planning process**



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REPORT BACK: GOVERNMENT



REPORT BACK: RESOURCE MANAGERS



REPORT BACK: LAND OWNERS



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REPORT BACK: INDUSTRY



QUO VADIS



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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION



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1. Purpose of meeting

The purpose of the meeting was agreed as the following:

- Register all interested and affected parties within sector groups;
- Provide clarity regarding planning initiatives;
- Present Project Plan and procedures;
- Discuss Purpose and Significance of region; and
- Set broad and sector specific objectives for the region.

2. Presentation: History of the conservation of the Lower Orange River

A brief presentation of the conservation history of the Lower Orange was given by Dr. Peet Vander Walt.

3. Discussion: Significance of the region

The relevant stakeholders highlighted the significance of the region as being the following:

Business significance:

- Mineral Wealth
- Arid Tourism
- Tourism Opportunities
- Export of grapes
- Marine tourism potential
- Geo-tourism potential
- Entry point to Namibia
- Arid biodiversity conservation
- Ecotourism development opportunities

Resource management:

- River landscape management
- Unique desert environment

- Open space
- Plant diversity
- Biodiversity management qualities
- Low population
- Conservation of endangered species
- Unspoiled succulent karoo
- Marine biodiversity
- Natural beauty
- Water
- Remote
- Endemic flora
- Archaeological history
- Its outback character
- Pristine coastline
- Wilderness

Benefit flow:

- Environmental Education Value
- Safe lifestyles
- Peace and solving conflict
- Upliftment through conservation and tourism
- Promotes linkages between South Africa and Namibia

4. Understanding the planning context

Paul Bewsher presented the planning context utilizing latest GIS maps portraying the extent of the planning area and planning context. All stakeholders agreed with the planning context and confirmed that they understood the scope of the planning process. The following points were presented as being the primary objectives of the planning process:

- Maximise the value and benefits which may arise from the LOR;
- achieve inter-state collaboration in the conservation of transboundary eco-systems and their associated biodiversity, promoting cross-border tourism and sustainable use and development of natural and human resources to improve the quality of life of the peoples of Namibia and South Africa in that region;
- resolve any issues of potential conflict;
- promote alliances in the management of natural and cultural resources by encouraging social, economic, responsible tourism and other partnerships between the Parties (Governments of South Africa and Namibia), including the private sector, local communities and non-governmental organisations;
- develop trans-border ecotourism as a means of fostering regional socio-economic development;
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- sustainable development and sustainable use requiring the integration of social, economic and environmental factors in planning, implementation and evaluation to ensure that development and use services present and future generations; and
- accountability to community interests, transparency and access to relevant information use;

5. Project plan and methodology

The project plan and relevant dates were presented and all stakeholders agreed (refer Figure 1; Background Information Document).

6. Sector discussions

Stakeholders were asked the following questions:

- Do you feel that all stakeholders in each sector are appropriately and sufficiently represented? If not, please provide further stakeholders and their contact details.
- Please provide us with the details of which cluster you belong to;
- Details of appropriate venues for future meetings and workshops in all three clusters in both the South African and Namibian component
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7. Quo vadis

The way forward was presented by Paul Bewsher. Refer Figure 1.

8. Summary and conclusion

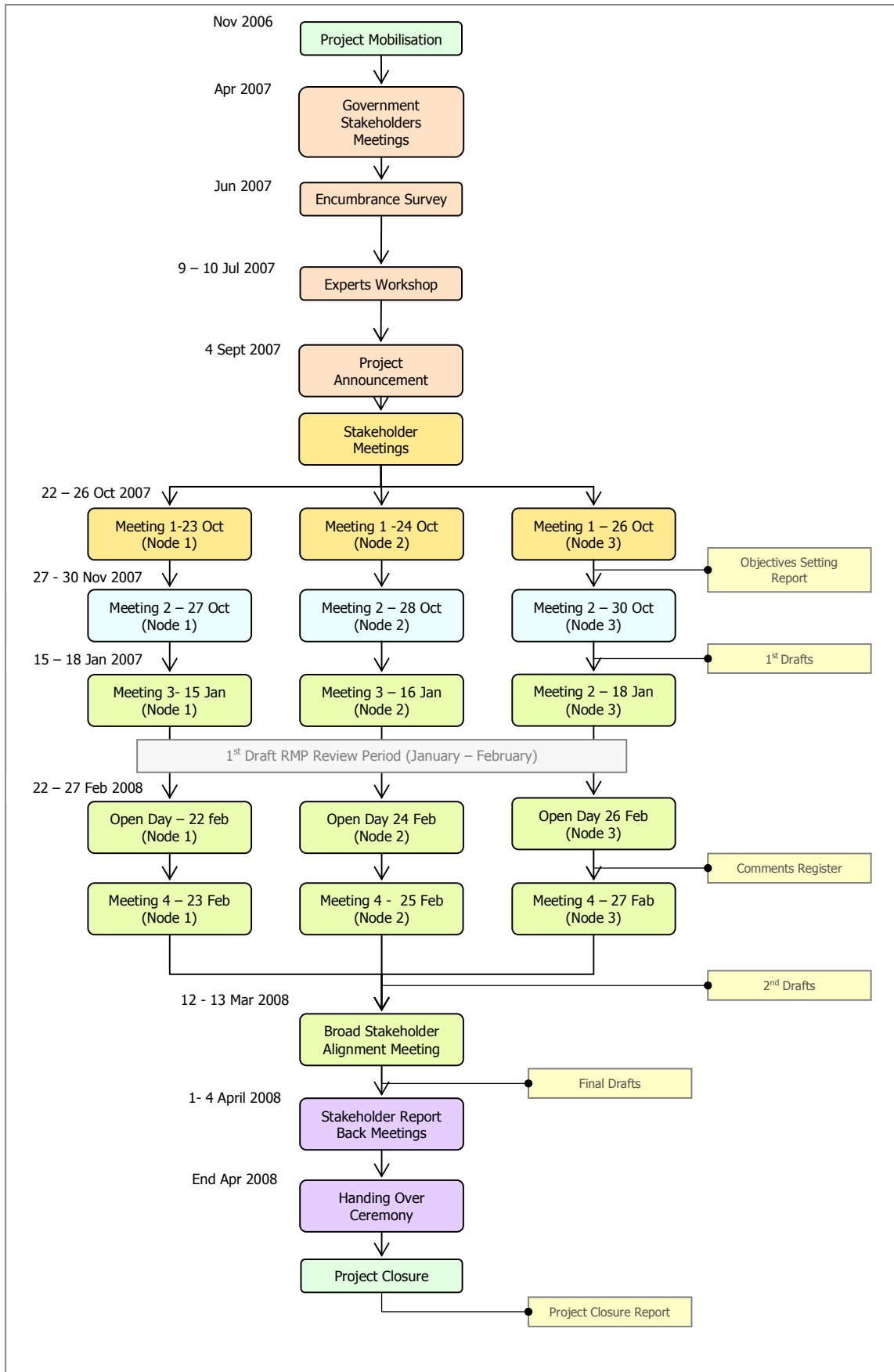


Figure 1: Process Diagram